



Network Update

Week commencing Wednesday 19 January 2022

Every fortnight, the South Thames Paediatric Network will send an update including the latest information and resources that are available to support local planning and provision of clinical care. We will also provide updates regarding STPN work in progress, educational resources and future planning. Don't forget to take a look at our website www.stpn.uk for more detailed information.

STPN Dashboard and Data

All providers across the region are now able to contribute their demand and capacity data. This is a great achievement! Please encourage your teams to complete the dashboard daily as this data feeds into other reports for South and Pan London regions and enables us to understand the flow and needs across the system as a whole.

If anyone would like an individualised report on any aspect of the data or has a query please let us know on

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Figure 1: Paediatric beds occupied in STPN DGHs

The data is now showing a steady decline in the number of occupied beds across the region and number of children with LRTIs.

There was a similar pattern of reduced admissions in the PICU units which are not included this week. The 2021 national PICU audit (PICANET) report was published this week. This report is available at [here](#).

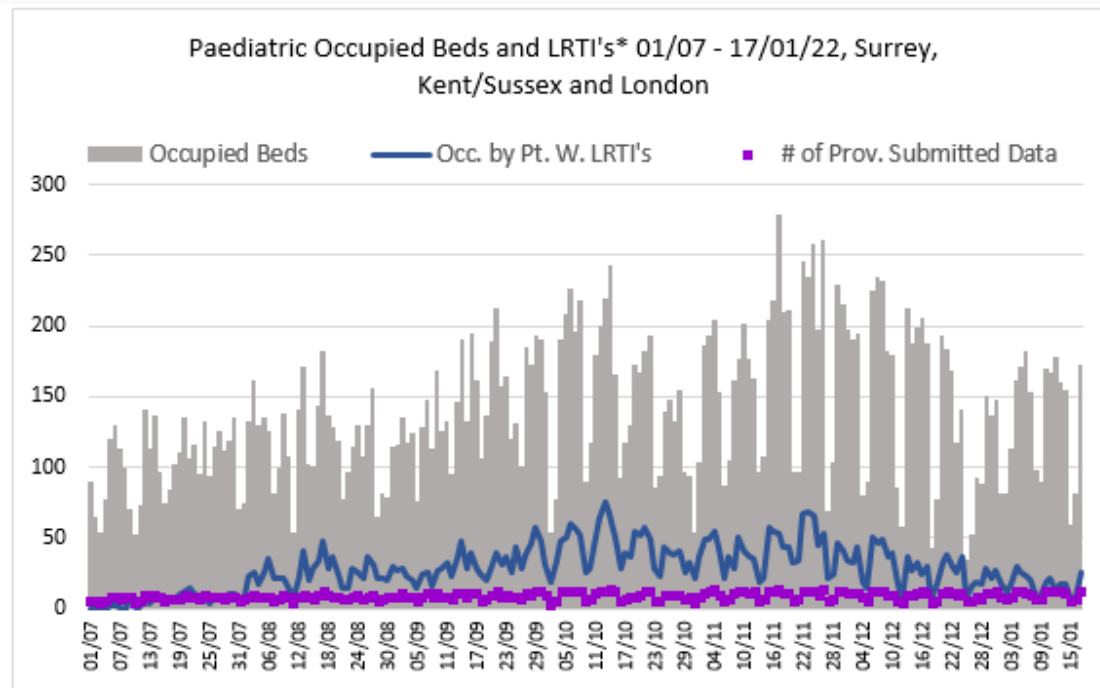
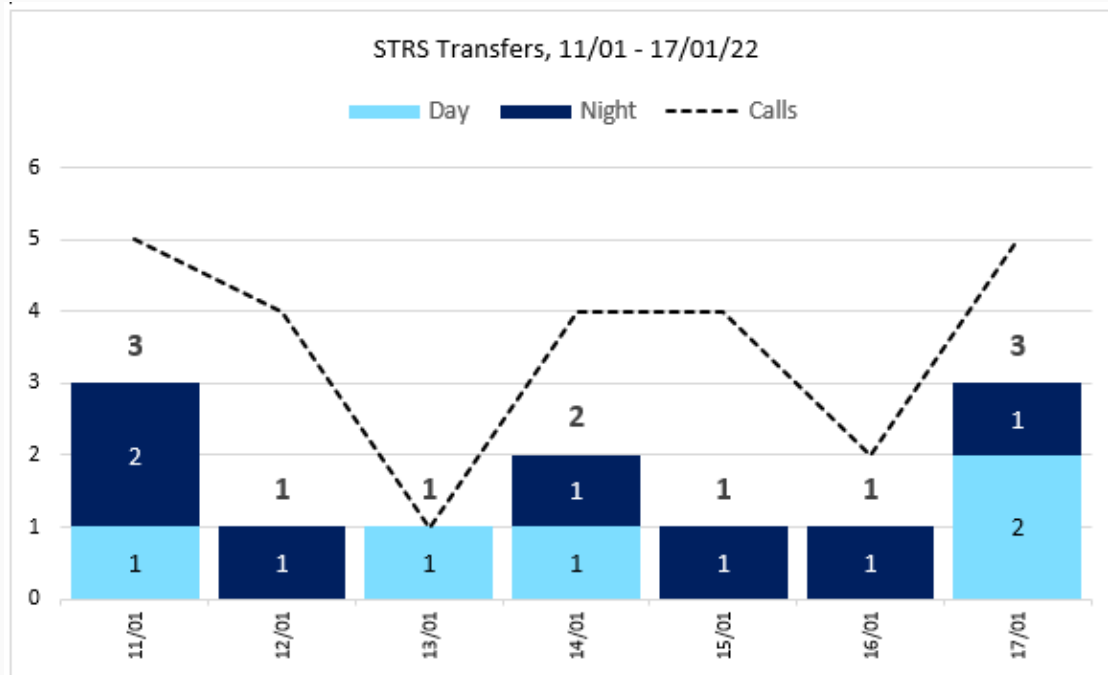


Figure 2: South Thames Retrieval Service (STRS) calls & transfers

There has been a decrease in the number of calls and retrievals over the past couple of weeks, with a total of 25 calls and 13 retrievals this week. Two of the transfers were for PIMS-TS and three for LRTIs.



Information from the UK Health Security Agency

Figure 3: Confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 in all ages

The second week of the New Year brings good news with a reduction in the overall number of COVID-19 cases. However the positive rates have continued to rise in the school age children (5-9 years and 10-19 years) which may lead to ongoing PIMS-TS presentations for the next 6-8 weeks.

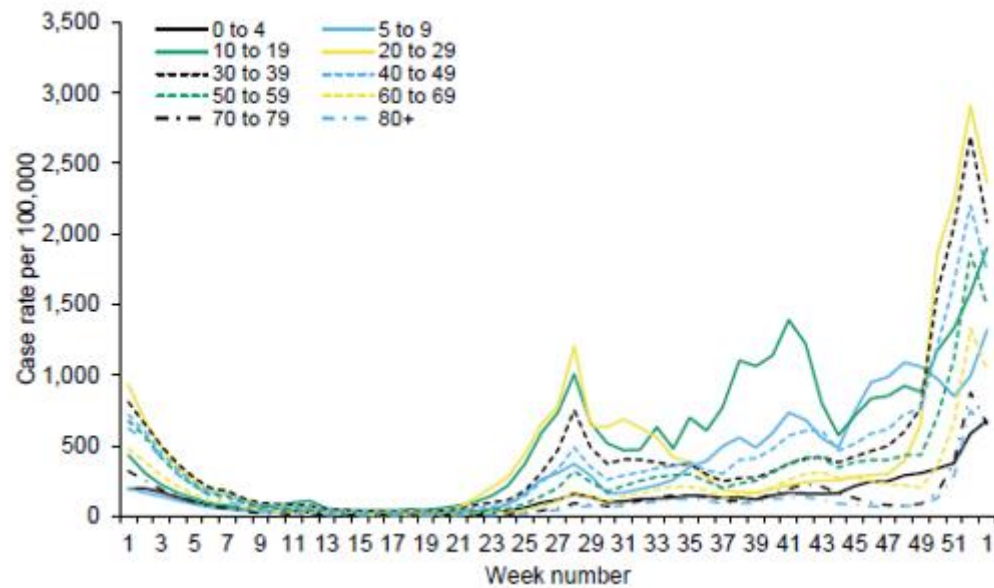
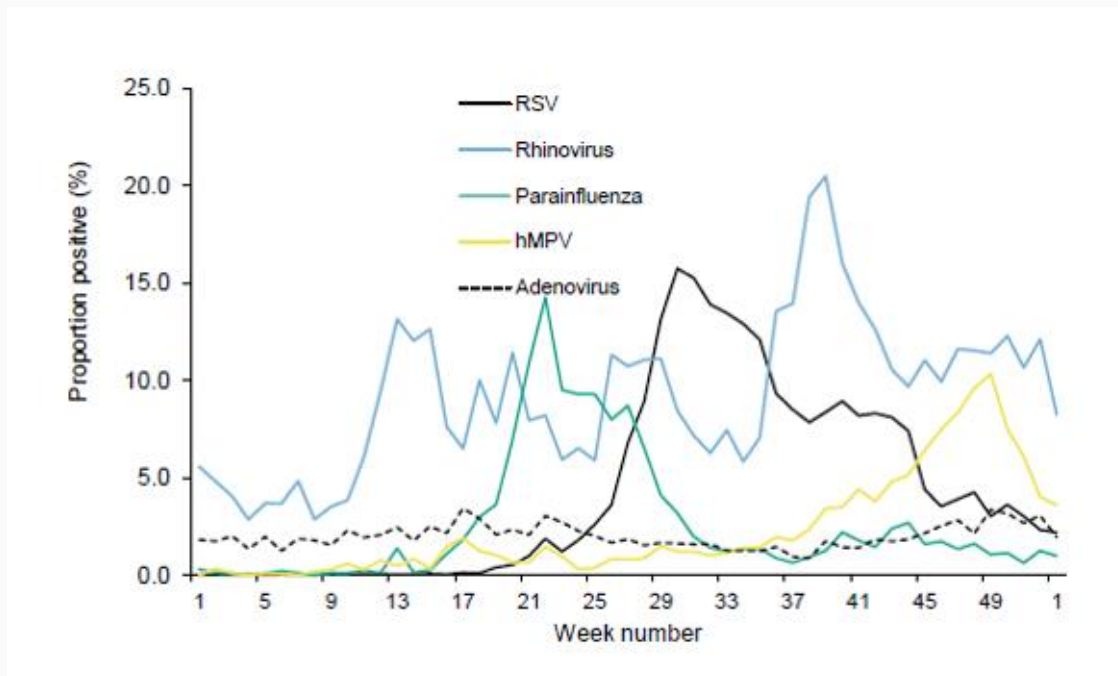


Figure 4: Weekly positive reports for all respiratory viruses

Even more encouraging is the downward trend in all the respiratory viruses including RSV, Rhinovirus and Human Metapneumovirus.

We will not be including these reports in future newsletters.



SE Regional PIMS-TS MDT

This multidisciplinary virtual meeting, hosted by Evelina London, runs daily at 11am (including weekends). This is a **consultant led** meeting comprising consultants from cardiology, rheumatology, general paediatrics, infectious diseases and intensive care / STRS. With the increasing numbers of patients to discuss it is important we make these meetings as efficient as possible, with this in mind please follow the instructions below to help ensure that the allocated time is used to discuss management rather than relay results:

1. All referrals require an updated form, including blood results, prior to the start of the meeting. The forms can be found [here](#).
2. The completed form should be emailed to gst-tr.echpims.ts@nhs.net by **10:30 where possible**.
3. Please **add the presenters name and NHS trust**, this helps us ensure that the meeting can be efficient and well organised.
4. The person presenting the patient must have seen the patient and if below consultant level must have the support of their consultant at the meeting where possible.

Details of the meeting login and time to join will be forwarded by email after submission of the referral form.

Covid treatment: CMDU support

The Paediatric Infectious Disease teams at St Georges and Evelina London are able to provide remote advice/support for local CMDU teams regarding treatment for at risk 12-18 year old patients. This is only to support the decision making process; local services will still be expected to prescribe and administer the therapy in keeping with national and RCPCH guidance.

You can access the **RCPCH** **guidance** [here](#)
Click [here](#) to access more information about the **St. George's and Evelina CMDU pathway**.

Elective Recovery

Our focus for the next few weeks will be to understand the plans across the region for elective recovery as providers begin to move gradually back to business as usual.

If you have any areas of concern with significant backlog, have good new ways of working models or any other comments please do share them with us.

Governance

We have our second Governance Working Group on Wednesday 26th January. Governance leads from all providers are welcome. If you have any governance related queries please pass them to your leads. We hope to be able to share a more detailed governance plan with you soon.

STPN's Whatsapp group for updates



Want an easy way to keep up to date with STPN events and news but without all of the chit chat? Then join our whatsapp group by clicking this link - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FjbGTLWoTWp0hv7JXZSjRZ>

STPN education and resources

Tuesday 1 February - 14:00 to 15:00

STPN Monthly Network Call

Join us for our monthly network call. This meeting is open for all to join to hear about the latest work of the STPN, get updates on surge and also provides an opportunity for you to ask for advice and support from your colleagues and peers across the Network.

Click [here](#) to join.

Wednesday 2 February – 17:00 to 18:00

STPN Grand Round



The Evelina London team will be providing an update for the region based on data from their clinics and MDTs, and will include Q&A time.

To add this grand round to your calendar so you don't miss out, click this link -

https://zoom.us/meeting/tZModuytrDgoG9BJZGhKKYz_bKgbpo8b8DKy/ics

For more information on our grand rounds click here - <https://stpn.uk/grandround/>

Useful resources to share

Self-isolation for COVID-19 patients in hospital

The UKHSA have published updated UK IPC Guidance:to align with revised guidance recommending that the isolation period for COVID-19 cases and contacts for patients in healthcare settings will reduce from 14 days to 10 days where clinically appropriate.

Access the guidance by following these links:

[COVID-19: infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#)

[Stepdown of infection control precautions and discharging COVID-19 patients and asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infected patients](#)

Other webinars of interest:

Paediatric Neurosurgery Teaching Sessions

Wednesday 16 February at 17:00

The Paediatric Neurosurgery KCH Teaching Session is a virtual teaching session taking place every third Wednesday of the month. All are encouraged to join the discussions on the most common pathologies seen in our children. The session is open for the students, nurses, therapists, referring hospitals team, and our team at Kings and Evelina.

Click [here](#) to join this session.

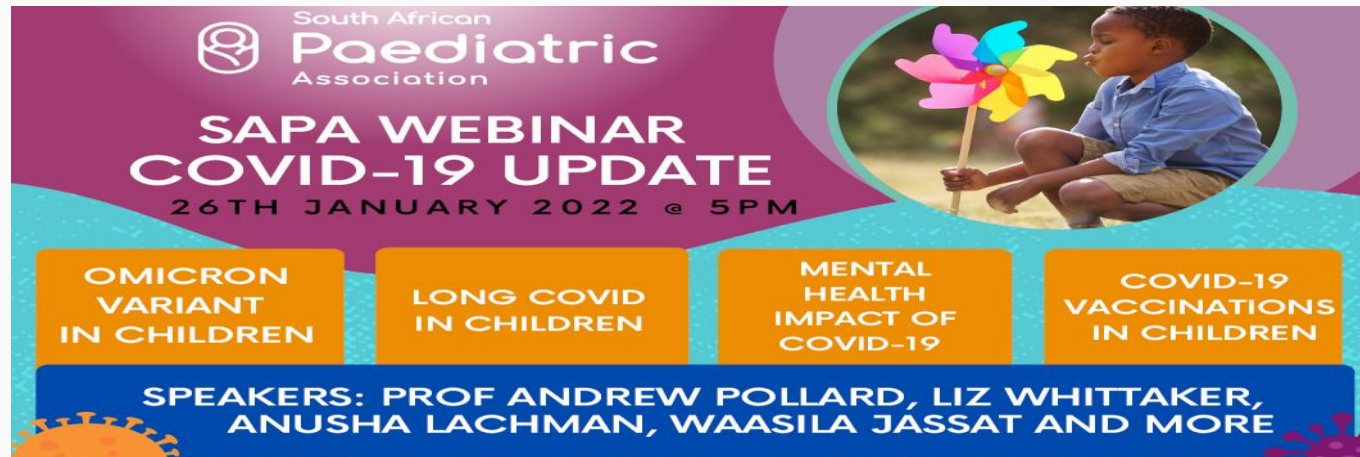


"Paediatric Septic Shock - Less Can Be More"

20 January 2022 13:00 - 14:30

Follow the link for more details

https://pccsociety.uk/dp_events/pccs-webinar-sepsis/



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**SAPA WEBINAR
COVID-19 UPDATE**
26TH JANUARY 2022 @ 5PM

OMICRON
VARIANT
IN CHILDREN

LONG COVID
IN CHILDREN

MENTAL
HEALTH
IMPACT OF
COVID-19

COVID-19
VACCINATIONS
IN CHILDREN

**SPEAKERS: PROF ANDREW POLLARD, LIZ WHITTAKER,
ANUSHA LACHMAN, WAASILA JASSAT AND MORE**

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Click this link to register your place

- https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q_G4SUIDT22W9hsuQeCt0w



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